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NEW YORK THINKS SO, TOO.

The remarks of The Astorian the other day concerning the ridiculous claims of Puget sound, based on the fact that the water in that inlet is deep, are so strikingly echoed in the last number of the New York Tribune that the article in that paper is here quoted:

"Cable reports say that Bourke Cockran in his recent addresses in Erin has been predicting that Ireland will achieve marvelous gains in future generations, because the huge transatlantic steamships of later years—bigger vessels than any known in these times—must perforce use harbors on the western coast of Ireland. If Mr. Cockran's supposed utterances have been correctly reported, is this not a somewhat airy and unsubstantial vision? Great vessels ply to and from great centers of commerce—not elsewhere."

What lends additional force to the Tribune's contention is that it is made incidentally, as one might use any other axiom to enforce a statement.

AFFECTS ENGINEERS AND PILOTS

Many Astorians will be interested to learn that a recent decision of the New York board of steamboat inspectors is to the effect that "masters, pilots and marine engineers holding United States' licenses, may not by concerted action, force a readjustment of their wages or hours of work."

The decision was rendered in the case of Joseph Cornell, who left his engine on the tug Vigilant because the demands of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association regarding wages were not complied with by the employers. Cornell's license was withdrawn by the board. Commenting on the case the New York Tribune says:

"In effect, the inspectors declare that a master-pilot or marine engineer may not use the exclusive privileges given him by his license to enforce the payment of certain wages and a change of hours, whether the demands be reasonable or unreasonable. In this instance the members of the association were not permitted to treat with their employers as individuals. It is understood that the pilots of this port and the pilots and engineers of the other parts of the Atlantic seaboard were watching the effect of the strike here with the view of carrying out the same tactics elsewhere if they proved successful."

BLUE RIBBON STATE FAIR

The premium list of Oregon's "Blue Ribbon" state fair is now out and being distributed throughout the state. The premiums offered aggregate \$12,000 in cash, and for everything grown on the farm, including live stock, poultry, dairy products, agricultural and horticultural products, domestic and liberal arts, etc. Everyone is invited to aid and help to advertise the state's resources.

Premium lists may be obtained by writing to M. D. Wisdom, secretary, Portland, Ore., for one.

The French vice consul at San Rafael, California, will die, but—sacrificing—he will never pay the dog tax that a poundmaster—united to the ways of the high diplomacy, attempted to collect from him. It is not so two dollars he minds, it is the honor of a belle France that ees at se stake. The question has been referred to Washington, and the vice consul has written, or rather sent a despatch, to his ambassador on the subject. Meantime the vice consular poodle remains in the pound.

When the interviewer asked Grover Cleveland if he would be a candidate for a third term, the "ex" replied that nothing could induce him to re-enter public life. Then when the reporter announced that Grover was not a candidate, the retired one rushed into print to say that he had never given that reporter any cause to say so.

A Nanaimo miner has found a petrified potato 700 feet below the surface. Beside it was a piece of conglomerate clam shell and sand as hard as flint. Prehistoric man evidently had the same tastes as we have, for all three of the main ingredients of clam chowder are represented in the find.

Seattle has begun an active campaign for the annexation of all the smaller towns lying within a considerable radius. West Seattle is to be one of the victims, and it would be wise for Long Beach, now that the march down the coast has begun, to look to it lest she be swallowed in the same maw.

"All is well, for all is growing better.... This was Mr. Carnegie's report on the state of the globe to the Examiner." There have been some big details given out in San Francisco newspaper offices, but so far as we have learned this was the biggest ever.

The first American lunch counter was opened last week in London, the police having been called in to restrain the crowds that flocked to the new beanyery. And indigestion chuckled.

THIS WAY, GIRLS

This journal is not run as a matrimonial bureau, but there are some openings that must be noted. An exchange says that six girl cooks have been lost to S. A. Soule's logging camp, at Frances, Washington, through matrimony. As soon as a girl gets so she can flop batter cakes without bunting them, some fellow in the camp speaks for her, and it is all off with Soule's feed as far as she is concerned. A logging company's bunk house can't compete with a bunk house built for two—West Coast and Puget Sound Lumberman.

BOCK WAS SATISFIED.

Seattle has just discovered that a man who claimed to have been injured on a bad sidewalk in that city and who was paid \$5000 in a compromise of his demand, for \$10,000, was never injured there, had no money coming, and is now in jail in Astoria for attempting to work the same skingame there. It is a case of the skinner skinned, and Seattle deserves none of our tears—Everett Record.

IF EXCITEMENT IS LACKING

If King Peter ever finds it too tame in Belgrade he will always have the privilege, Kentucky for a little excitement—Butte Inter-Mountain.

TESTED THE BUILDINGS.

The buildings at Fort Columbia were tested yesterday by the firing of the guns, preparatory to the troops being moved in from Fort Canby. Captain Goodale went over from Astoria to attend the trial, and everything was found to be satisfactory. It was thought possible that the firing of the guns might affect the buildings so that they would be unsuitable places for the soldiers' quarters.



LITTLE VERNA FELTON

Who Made a Decided Hit Last Night at Toddy Graham in "The Power of Wealth" at Fishers' Opera House.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Astoria, at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, June 9, 1903.

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, and Total. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, Stocks, etc.

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Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Brown, a lady of Brownsville, Va., who writes, "I endured insupportable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered."

Office of C. J. M. Vancouver Barracks, Wash., June 11, 1903. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 A. M., July 11, 1903, and then opened, for repairs to hospital at Fort Stevens, Oregon. For full information apply to this office or Quartermaster Fort Stevens, Oregon. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for repairs to hospital at Fort Stevens, Oregon," and addressed to undersigned.

F. H. HATHAWAY, C. Q. M.

BIDS FOR WOOD.

Bids will be received by School District No. 1, at the office of the school clerk, until June 20, 1903, for 150 cords or more of bark slabs or hemlock, four foot wood, to be delivered to the different school buildings of the district, as may be required, on or before the 15th day of August, 1903.

Right reserved to reject any and all bids. By order of the board. E. Z. Ferguson, Clerk.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, wounds, cuts, ulcers, etc., etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklin's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

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Between June 4th and August 26th, the Illinois Central will sell round trip tickets from Oregon and Washington points to Chicago, Cairo, Memphis, and New Orleans at greatly reduced rates. Tickets good for three months. Going limit 10 days. Returning limit 10 days after starting west. Stop over privileges either way, west of the Missouri river. Sale dates are arranged to be convenient for delegates to conventions of National Educational association at Boston; Elks at Baltimore; Woodmen at Indianapolis; Eagles at New York; Shriners at Saratoga; Knights of Pythias at Louisville and Commercial Travelers at Indianapolis. You can take your choice of 16 different routes. Write us. We will cheerfully give you any detailed information you want. E. H. THUMBULL, Commercial agent, 142 Third street, Portland Ore.

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Every Household in Astoria Should Know How to Resist It.

The back aches because the kidneys are blocked. Help the kidneys with their work. The back will ache no more. Lots of proof that Doan's Kidney Pills do this. It's the best proof, for it comes from Oregon.

T. W. Shankland, who is a street car conductor on the Woodstock street car line, residing at 719 Elsworth, street Portland, says: "Some time last fall I began having considerable trouble and annoyance from a dull, aching pain in the back over the kidneys. I think it was caused from the constant shaking and jarring of the car. I thought at first it would disappear as quickly as it came, but this was not the case. Learning of Doan's Kidney Pills I procured a box and took them according to directions. The back-ache grew less and less and soon disappeared and so far as I can tell it is gone for good for there have been no symptoms of a recurrence." Plenty of similar proof in Astoria. Call at Charles Rogers' drug store for particulars.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Remember the name Doan's and take no other.

STARTLING EVIDENCE.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs, and colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonsville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all lung and throat troubles. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

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The Denver & Rio Grande popularly known as the "Scenic Line of the World" has announced greatly reduced roundtrip rates from Pacific coast points for the benefit of teachers who will spend their vacation in the east, and of delegates to all the prominent conventions—N. E. A., at Boston; A. O. U. W., at St. Paul; B. P. O. E., at Baltimore; Woodmen of America at Indianapolis; Eagles at New York; Mystic Shrine at Saratoga Springs; K. of P. at Louisville, and T. P. A. at Indianapolis. Tickets at reduced rates will be based upon one fare for the round trip but will be sold only on the certain days. These tickets will carry stopover privileges on the going trip, giving passengers an opportunity to visit Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs and Denver; and will be good to return any time within 90 days. Passengers going via the Denver & Rio Grande are given the privilege of returning via a different route. For the rate to the point you wish to go, and for dates of sale and other particulars as well as for illustrated pamphlet, write W. C. McBRIDE, General agent, 124 Third street Portland Ore. Subscribe for the Semi-Weekly Astorian, \$1.00 a year.

LOW RATES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

On account of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic to be held at San Francisco August 17 to 22, the O. R. & N. Co. have named the low rate of \$20.00 for the round trip by steamship in both directions, or \$25.00 for steamship in one direction and rail return or vice versa. This rate will only apply on steamships leaving Astoria August 11 and 16, or on trains leaving Portland August 12, 13, 14. Tickets will be good for return within a final limit of sixty days from date of sale. Berth reservations should be made early to avoid disappointment. For further particulars apply to G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Agt.

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Table with columns: LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. Lists train schedules for Astoria and Columbia River Railroad.

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